

FOCUS

FOCUS on what God is doing through First Baptist Church

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Ministering to Honduran children

A four-day trip to Honduras in December by Kristina Seal and Dale and Margie Parker was just the latest of many things that FBC has done to support the Ignite Missions program there. The three met up with the rest of their team at the Miami airport. Along with their luggage, each team member was toting one thousand somethings —yo-yos, whistles, balls, toothbrushes, little things that would be special to the Honduran children. On their first night at the mission, the team members stood in an assembly line and packed 1,000 stockings. “Each stocking got a Bible,” Kristina said, “so they get the Gospel!” Sam Feazel, the founder of Ignite Missions, then sorted the stockings according to his estimates of how many children would come in each village.

The next day, they started visiting villages out in the mountains. The group had time to visit with the children. They sang Christmas songs, and a local pastor “Gave them the good news of Christmas!” Kristina said.

In one village, Kristina spotted the little girl in the photo. She had crept off by herself, into a quiet doorway, to savor the wonders in her stocking and give a shy smile to Kristina.

When the group had visited the last of seven villages on their list, they found that, of the 1,000 stockings they had filled, they had 125 stockings left over. Sam Feazel called the Honduran department that houses foster children, offered the stockings, and asked how many they would need. The man there said, “Yes, please! We have 125 children.”

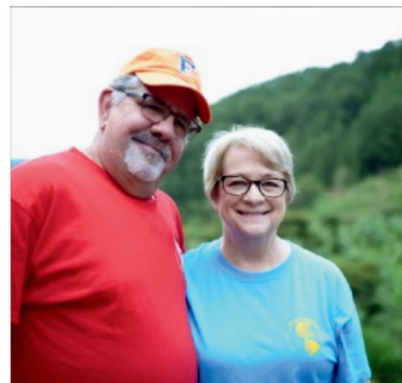


Below, Margie Parker, right, with translator Stephen at the Buena Vista church service.

The FBC members especially enjoyed visiting Buena Vista, a community where a church has been established. Dale, Margie, and Kristina have all visited Buena Vista before, on previous trips, and they enjoyed seeing again Buena Vista’s pastor David, whose salary FBC helps pay. The FBC members also enjoyed the worship service in the church building, which is located in a beautiful spot on the mountainside. The local church members had sold tamales to raise money for the building and then built it themselves.

This photo shows Margie Parker, right, and Stephen the translator speaking to the scores of people who have made their way to the service. Kristina said some had walked long distances.

Written by: Pat Parish



TEAM MEMBERS FROM FBC

Kristina Seal, wife of Bradley and mother of Miles; daughter of Stuart and Marie Varnado; granddaughter of Susan Barber; math teacher and dance coach at Loranger Middle School. Kristina’s family background is Honduran, and she feels “born into” a role of helping the people there.

Dale Parker, former associate pastor, and former interim pastor at FBC, now retired.

Margie Parker, wife to Dale, and also retired.



IF YOU WANT TO HELP:

Kristina wants to grow her participation and is putting together her own team to go to Honduras this July. The dates are July 22nd-28th. If you would like to join the team, Kristina suggests you act now:

- Get a passport if you don’t have one. Allow at least three months.
- **Pay your deposit! \$100 is Due Feb. 14th to reserve your spot.**
- She will need to finalize a team for the summer by April. The goal is at least 10 people, although people from several churches can combine to make the team, if necessary.
- The Christmas trip, which is four days instead of a week, is also an option. (Dates on this will come later)

TO SERVE AND TO GIVE

REV. JOEY MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

"...whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant... For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

- Mark 10:43-45

During the month of February, we celebrate President's Day and thank God for the leaders who have shaped our nation. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln share February birthdays. Though they weren't perfect men, they stand tall as great leaders and remind us to pray for Godly leaders for our nation, our homes, and our churches. They were men of character and conviction, as evidenced by the words they left for us to ponder. George Washington said, "I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." Abraham Lincoln was quoted as saying, "Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm."

It has been said that we live in a leadership vacuum. Strong people who have led and shaped our nation, our churches, and our homes have passed on, and there is a vacuum of those who would fill their shoes. Jesus set the bar high when He shared His concept of leadership with His position-seeking disciples. He said to all of them, "...even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." As we celebrate men and women of character, conviction, and compassion, let us earnestly pray that God will give us Godly leaders who will follow Christ. May His mission - to serve and to give - be our mission as He uses us to follow Him and shape our world for the greatest days in His kingdom.

-Bro. Joey



NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES

WE GO ONCE A MONTH TO EACH OF OUR NURSING HOMES TO LEAD THE RESIDENTS IN WORSHIP SERVICES. THEY ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR COMING AND WE ARE SO BLESSED. PLEASE JOIN US AS WE MINISTER.

**GOOD SAMARITAN -
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 @
3:00 PM**

**HERITAGE MANOR -
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @
3:00 PM**



SAM ADULT 55+ LUNCHEON EVENT

FBC SAM FEBRUARY LUNCHEON
A Potluck Get-Together

**Bring
your
favorite side
dish!**

Friday, February 2, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.

Bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert. The meat, drinks, and rolls will be provided. Jason Garbo and Collin Sims, our district attorney, will be our guests.

Invite a friend to enjoy the fellowship with us.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS



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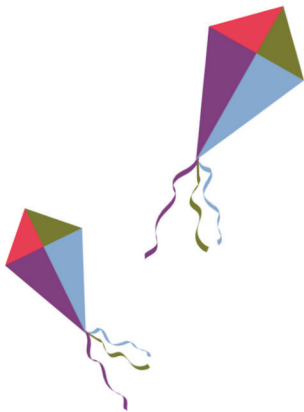
God is moving at FBC! We are seeing people come to faith in Christ and follow the Lord in believers' baptism regularly, and there is a renewed excitement for what God is doing in our midst. I want to remind you that when God blesses, Satan blasts his demonic attacks. We need to stay vigilant and prayerful as we press forward. Keep your eyes on Jesus! -Dr. Jake

FBC KIDS MINISTRY

Have you ever thought you had a great idea, and it just fell flat? That was me and the new curriculum that I was so excited about last month. I had talked to ministry friends who used it and positively glowed about it. Then I dove in. And it was like jumping into a pool with no water. In hindsight, I can't see why it didn't work. Then I realized my age, the vast amounts of technology it was going to use, and the fact that I still reminisce about Windows 98 from time to time. So, back to the drawing board, it was. Thankfully, I found what I was looking for! So, on January 24th, we began using Group Publishing's Hands On Bible Curriculum. I've used Group in the past and loved it, and I am so excited about this new curriculum! I feel like we have sort of scattered in the wind in the last while, but we really miss your kids on Wednesdays! Plan to join us at 5:00 p.m. for supper, 5:30 p.m. for choir, and 6:00 p.m. for FBC Kids!

But, as promised last month, *let's talk VBS!* By now, you've had time to get those dates down (*June 3rd-7th from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon*). We will have classes for current PK4 – 6th grade. We'd love to add entering PK4 back, but that takes volunteers, and those can be hard to come by. If **YOU** want to be involved in VBS, let me know. It takes close to 100 volunteers in the weeks leading up to and during VBS. We need people to decorate, sort, teach, play, feed, and clean. *EVERY* job is important. *EVERY* job needs someone. But if there are only 2 of us there to lead, we are going to have VBS. If there are only 2 of us to lead, we are going to throw open wide the doors of our church and welcome children in. If there are only 2 of us to lead, we are going to share the love of Jesus Christ. But we want to share the blessing that is VBS. Please be praying about how you can serve. Let me know how you would like to be involved. We will have a comprehensive list of jobs at our **Breaker Rock Beach Job Fair in the Family Life Center from Sunday, April 7th, until Wednesday, April 10th.** (PS, you can text me or email me at fbc.kids@fbcfranklinton.org)

- Kelly McElveen 



Save the date VBS June 3rd-7th, 2024

8:30 AM UNTIL 12 NOON

**JOIN US NEXT SUMMER
FOR A VBS FILLED
WITH GOD'S TRUTH
AND SEASIDE FUN!**

**AGES: CURRENT PK4 -
CURRENT 6TH GRADE**

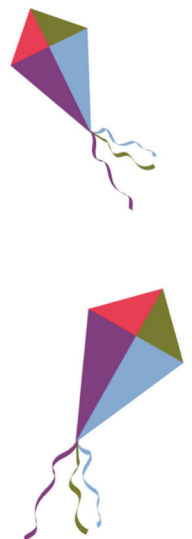


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**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN
A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**
ROMANS 12:2

**REGISTRATION OPENS
MAY 1, 2024**



IMPORTANT INFO

February Wee Worship Volunteers:

- 4th: Karen Spears
- 11th: Wendi Fortenberry
- 18th: Vickie McNeal
- 25th: Kelly McElveen



thank you

Last, but certainly not least, join me in wishing a **VERY Happy February Birthday** to these FBC Kids & Leaders:

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| 2nd: Madelyn P. | 11th: Barrett L. |
| 2nd: Graham R. | 14th: Cora B. |
| 3rd: Ms. Brook | 14th: Eli C. |
| 5th: Jude J. | 20th: Layke L. |
| 5th: Mary Alice M. | 22nd: Landon C. |
| 6th: Will M. | 22nd: Andi P. |
| 8th: Leo W. | 23rd: Knox A. |
| 9th: Brooke W. | 29th: Eden M. |



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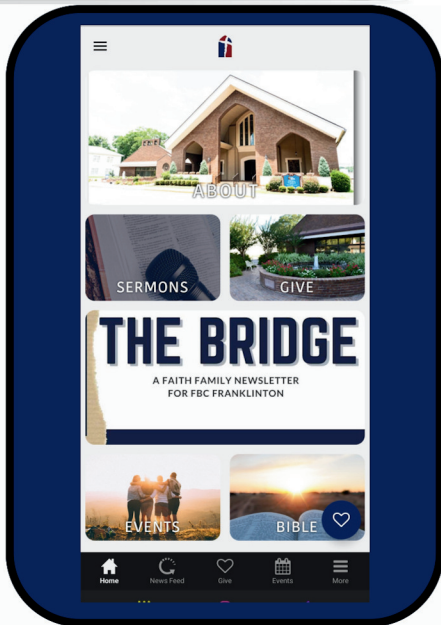
IT'S HERE! CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE & CHURCH APP!

Welcome Home!

Sundays at 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

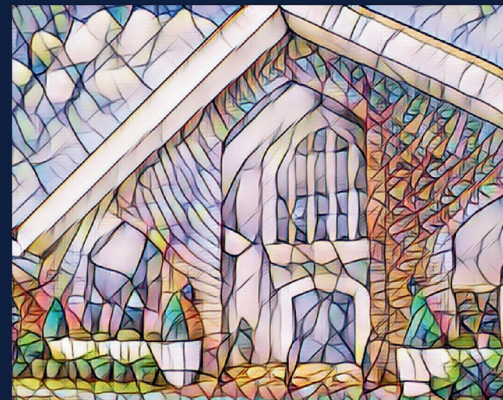


TEXT TO GIVE, ONE OF OUR NEW FEATURES, IS ALSO NOW AVAILABLE: TEXT GIVE TO (833) 702-3291 & FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO SET UP.



February Wednesday Night Suppers

- 7 - GROUP B FRIED CHICKEN
- 14 - MARDI GRAS PIZZA & SALAD NIGHT
- 21 - GROUP C SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS
- 28 - GROUP D CHICKEN FRIED STEAK



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SERVICE TIMES

Sundays

Worship Services

8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study

9:30 a.m.

Choir Practice

4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Wednesday Night Supper

5:00 p.m.

Half Notes/Joyful Noise

Preschool & Children

Choir Practice

5:30 p.m.

Preschool, Children,

Youth Activities

6:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m.

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